

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A net for a sport fishing net device having a substantially hoop-shaped frame portion, the net comprising:
 - 5 a bag of permeable material, having a closed lower end and an open upper end; and
 - a selectively releasable elongate fastener, extending along the upper end of the bag, configured to releasably secure the upper end of the bag to the hoop-shaped frame portion.
- 10 2. A net in accordance with claim 1, wherein the upper end of the bag comprises a flexible rim having opposing portions, configured to wrap around the hoop-shaped frame portion, the selectively releasable elongate fastener being disposed along the opposing portions of the rim.
- 15 3. A net in accordance with claim 1, wherein the selectively releasable elongate fastener is selected from the group consisting of a zipper, snaps, and buttons.
- 20 4. A net in accordance with claim 1, wherein the bag includes a length measuring scale, permanently disposed generally linearly on a surface of the net material.
- 25 5. A net in accordance with claim 4, wherein the measuring scale extends from a first position adjacent the upper end of the bag, thence substantially across the closed end, to a second position adjacent the upper end of the bag and substantially opposite the first position.
- 30 6. A net in accordance with claim 4, wherein the length measuring scale includes length markings and numeral designations associated with the length markings.
7. A net in accordance with claim 6, wherein the bag includes a bottom at the closed end, and the length markings include a zero point near the

bottom, with two coordinated scales sharing the zero point and extending in opposing directions therefrom, whereby a user may visually determine the length of a fish held in the bag by substantially aligning the fish with the length scale, and adding the numeral designations which are approximately aligned with
5 opposing ends of the fish.

8. A net in accordance with claim 4, wherein the length measuring scale includes length markings representing standard units of length.

10 9. A net in accordance with claim 4, wherein the length measuring scale includes length markings representing modified units of length to compensate for curvature of a fish held in the bag.

10. A fish net system, comprising:
15 a fish net frame, having a substantially hoop-shaped portion; and
a bag of permeable material, having a closed lower end and an open upper end, the bag including a selectively releasable elongate fastener, extending along the upper end of the bag, configured to releasably connect the bag to the hoop-shaped portion of the fish net frame.

20 11. A fish net system in accordance with claim 10, wherein the fish net frame further comprises a handle attached to the hoop-shaped portion.

12. A fish net system in accordance with claim 10, wherein the upper
25 end of the bag comprises a flexible rim having opposing portions, and the selectively releasable elongate fastener is disposed along the opposing portions of the rim.

13. A fish net system in accordance with claim 10, wherein the
30 selectively releasable elongate fastener is selected from the group consisting of a zipper, snaps, and buttons.

14. A fish net system in accordance with claim 10, wherein the bag includes a length measuring scale, permanently disposed generally linearly on a surface of the net material.

5 15. A fish net system in accordance with claim 14, wherein the measuring scale extends from a first position adjacent the upper end of the bag, thence substantially across the closed end, to a second position adjacent the upper end of the bag and substantially opposite the first position.

10 16. A fish net system in accordance with claim 14, wherein the length measuring scale includes length markings and numeral designations associated with the length markings.

15 17. A fish net system in accordance with claim 16, wherein the bag includes a bottom at the closed end, and the length markings include a zero point near the bottom, with two coordinated scales sharing the zero point and extending in opposing directions therefrom, whereby a user may visually determine the length of a fish held in the bag by substantially aligning the fish with the length scale, and adding the numeral designations which are approximately aligned with
20 opposing ends of the fish.

18. A fish net system in accordance with claim 14, wherein the length measuring scale includes length markings representing standard units of length.

25 19. A fish net system in accordance with claim 14, wherein the length measuring scale includes length markings representing modified units of length to compensate for curvature of a fish held in the bag.

30 20. A fish net system, comprising:
a plurality of fish net frames, each frame having a substantially hoop-shaped portion; and
a plurality of bags of permeable net material, each bag having a closed lower end and an open upper end, and including a selectively releasable elongate fastener extending along the upper end of the

bag, configured to releasably connect the bag to the hoop-shaped frame portion such that any of the plurality of bags may be connected to the hoop-shaped portion of any of the plurality of fish net frames.

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21. A net for a sport fishing net device having a substantially hoop-shaped frame portion having a perimeter, the net comprising:

a bag of permeable net material, having a closed lower end and an open upper end having a flexible rim; and

10 a zipper, extending along the flexible rim, configured to releasably wrap the rim around the hoop-shaped frame portion so as to releasably secure the bag to the frame portion along a majority of the perimeter of the frame portion.

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22. A net for a sport fishing net device having a substantially hoop-shaped frame, the net comprising:

a bag of permeable material, having a closed lower end and an open upper end; and

20 means for selectively releasably fastening the upper end of the bag to the hoop-shaped frame, so as to cause the upper end of the bag to be attached to and releasably wrap around the frame.

23. A method for attaching a fabric net to a fish net frame, comprising the steps of:

25 placing an upper open end of a bag of permeable material having a closed lower end and an open upper end adjacent to a substantially hoop-shaped frame portion of a fish net frame; and

30 releasably fastening a selectively releasable elongate fastener extending along the upper end of the bag around the hoop-shaped frame portion so as to releasably secure the bag to the frame portion.